**Martin First United Methodist**

**Worship, Nurture & Serve in Love**

**First Sunday of Advent - Hope November 28, 2021**

**ENTRANCE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Amanda**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP Bryant Fisher**

*Hope waits for us at Advent*

**OPENING PRAYER/ADVENT WREATH Bane Family**

**OPENING HYMN** *Hail to the Lord’s Anointed*  **203**

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Bane Family**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 33:14-16**

The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill my gracious promise with the people of Israel and Judah. In those days and at that time, I will raise up a righteous branch from David’s line, who will do what is just and right in the land. In those days, Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is what he will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

**ANTHEM** *Advent Hymn* **Choir**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 25:1-10**

I offer my life to you, Lord.  
    My God, I trust you.  
Please don’t let me be put to shame!  
    Don’t let my enemies rejoice over me!  
For that matter,  
    don’t let anyone who hopes in you  
        be put to shame;  
    instead, let those who are treacherous without excuse be put to shame.

Make your ways known to me, Lord;  
    teach me your paths.  
Lead me in your truth—teach it to me—  
    because you are the God who saves me.  
        I put my hope in you all day long.  
Lord, remember your compassion and faithful love—  
    they are forever!  
But don’t remember the sins of my youth or my wrongdoing.  
    Remember me only according to your faithful love  
        for the sake of your goodness, Lord.

The Lord is good and does the right thing;  
    he teaches sinners which way they should go.  
God guides the weak to justice,  
    teaching them his way.  
All the Lord’s paths are loving and faithful

For those who keep his covenant and laws.

**SERMON Rev. Amanda Crice**

**VOW OF HOLY MEMBERSHIP Jake, Bethany, Millie, & Matthew Hart**

**PRAYERS and INTERCESSIONS**

**OFFERING USHERS: Alex, Barrett & Cole Belew, Mary Anna Chester**

**SPECIAL MUSIC OFFERING** *Messiah or Stranger* **Bob Peckham**

**DOXOLOGY**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, ….. And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ…. And so in remembrance…as we proclaim the mystery of faith.  **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,…. All honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

**SENDING FORTH**

**HYMN** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* **230**

**BLESSING AND POSTLUDE**

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER CONCERNS:**

**Ongoing Concerns:** Caroline Ideus. Mary Fleck. Donnie Davis. Terry Boyd. Lynn Gibson. Lenore Christiansen. Alex Campbell and Family. Peggy King. Marilucile Counce. Carolyn James. Alliston Stockton. Robert Mancusi. Mary Beard. Kathy Vowell. Tom Harrington. Traci & Rachel Bowlin. Becky Brigance. Frances Brewer. Donna Flynt. Amanda Freeman. Steve McConnell. Angie Damron. Virginia Clendenin, Jerry Brigance. Chris Bowman. Diane Broughton. Charline Freeman. Alan Moody. Billie Sue Walker. John Overcash. Bob Smith. Jill Brigance. Kathy Prewett. Gail Yates. Bishop Bill McAlilly. Superintendent Cynthia Davis. We Care Ministries. UTM Wesley

**Prayers for Friends and Relatives:** Val Combs’ fiancée, Shayne. Steve McConell’s girlfriend, Faye. Family of Kelli Barnes. Linda & Wally Crider’s daughter, Kristi Jones. Amy Todd Brown. Michelle Kimsey. Renee LaFleur and Ricky Garlitz. Austin Hicks. Susan Kilgas’ father, Lewis Byassee, and her Aunt Margaret Robinson.Steve Kilgas’s sister, Carol Hounshel. Jennifer Snider’s sister, Nancy Jones. Kristy Shumake’s mother, Brenda Dublin. Jeff and Allison Stockton’s parents. Rosemary Coleman’s daughter-in-law’s mother, Joyce Ashe. David Murphy. Staci Mancusi’s grandmother, Doris Davidson.

Glenda Nanney’s son-in-law, Michael Hester. Vicki Greer & Family. Angie Damron’s son and Dawne Belote’s brother, Steve Damron. Mack Thornton’s brother-in-law, Butch Henley, and sister-in-law, Linda Cushman. Erica Bell’s father, Don Griffin. Peggy King’s son-in-law, George Frels and friend, Leslie Justice. Jeff Stockton’s friend, Becky Tofte. Jenise Butler’s Cousin, April. Susan Parr.

**United Methodist Women’s Prayer Calendar**  
**Mission Focus—USA** Unalaska United Methodist Church—Outreach and Community Ministry—Ministering to the Bering Sea fishing fleet, processors, stranded crew members and the community  
**Mission Focus—International** South Africa—John Wesley Community—Providing education, food and support for vulnerable children and orphans with AIDS

**As we pray, friends**

***During Advent (Nov. 28-Dec. 26) there will be one worship service at 10:00 and Sunday School will begin at 9:00. We look forward to preparing for our Savior's birth together. Christmas Eve Service will be at 5:00 p.m.***

**Christmas Poinsettia Plants**

If you’d like to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas by donating a poinsettia plant in memory or in honor of a loved one, a plant is $15. Please contact the office. If you’d like an acknowledgement card sent, please include an address. You’ll be able to take home a plant after Christmas Eve service.

**Memorials & Honorariums**

**Honoring and remembering those we love…**

**Budget in honor of** Jennifer Moody’s mother, Carolyn

**Budget in memory of** Tine Vowel, Bob & Betty Cheeseman

**Calendar**

**Monday, November 29**

2:30 ROOTS

**Tuesday, November 30**

7:00 pm Beyond Just Mercy

**Wednesday, December 1**

**6:45 am UMM/FHall**

**5:30pm Live at the Market**

Children’s Library

**All the Colors of Christmas** in memory of Billy Hatchel